

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No. 09/841,094

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 7 and 8 are allowed and that claims 1-6 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the § 112 rejection discussed below.

The Examiner has approved the proposed new Fig. 5 as submitted with the § 111 Amendment on July 18, 2003. A formal corrected drawing is being submitted herewith.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In order to overcome this rejection, Applicants amend claim 1 to clarify that two lower boom members are provided, thus allowing for three members to form the triangle and for the cross-tie to be connected between the two lower boom members.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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